

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

May 28, 2015

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Hofmeister said approximately 85 percent of Oklahoma's third graders who took the OCCT reading exams will be promoted. At this time this is only preliminary results and more students will be promoted once those who already qualified are identified. A modest improvement was made even though 14 percent scored unsatisfactory this year from the 16 percent last year. Oklahoma City and Tulsa Public Schools showed significant progress in their RSA reading scores. In 2014, approximately 30 percent of Oklahoma City third graders scored unsatisfactory. Scores improved this year and percentages decreased to 16 percent.

EngageOK Conference

Superintendent Hofmeister said the EngageOK Summer Conference is scheduled for July 7-9. The conference provides an opportunity for educators, teachers, stakeholders to gather in order to move forward together on the goals and accomplishments we hope to achieve. The State Department of Education (SDE) will host #EdCampOKSDE, Tuesday, July 7; and a town hall for the Oklahoma Academic Standards is scheduled.

Advisory Councils

Superintendent Hofmeister said the planning for the advisory councils is wrapping up. Continuous feedback through the frame work is needed and Board members participation is needed to be a part of the conversations and leadership.

Recognition of the 2015 U. S. Presidential Scholar Recipients

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced and recognized Abigale White, Deer Creek High School; Duncan Carson, Booker T. Washington High School–Tulsa Public Schools; Dylan Dawson, Norman North High School.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

March 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education Approved

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 regular meeting. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, abstain; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Presentation on the State Department of Education Organizational Structure

Lt. Col (R) Lance Nelson, Chief of Staff, presented the organizational structure of the State Department of Education (SDE), cabinet members, departments, and functions.

Board members asked questions and discussed department structure, staff and designated roles.

CONSENT DOCKET Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2015-2016 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Hobart Public Schools, Kiowa County
Yukon Public Schools, Canadian County
- (b) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Panola Public Schools, Latimer County
Red Oak Public School
- (c) **Forgiveness of Days –**
Moore Public School, Cleveland County
Southgate Elementary School
- (d) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70
O. S. §1210.568**
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
Red Oak Public Schools, Latimer County
- (e) **Superintendent Certification Exemption – 70 O.S. § 3-126**
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County
- (f) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Calera Public Schools, Bryan County
Choctaw Nation Coop, Bryan County
Colbert Public School, Bryan County
Durant Public Schools, Bryan County
Healdton Public Schools, Carter County
Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County

- (g) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4**
Briggs Public Schools, Cherokee County

Board member Baxter moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendent(s) attending the meeting were Chad Broughton, Strother Public School; Danny Cochran, Arnett Public Schools; Keith Edge, Boswell Public Schools; Pam Reynolds, Bennington Public Schools and Andrea Sealock, Leach Public Schools.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations Approved

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, Financial Accounting presented a request of \$1 million for Tahlequah Public Schools to renovate district wide roofs, HVAC systems, and energy management system.

Board member Franks moved to approve the QZAB allocation request. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND POLICY

Overview of the Oklahoma Educator Equity Plan

Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy Superintendent, presented an overview of the Oklahoma Educator Equity Plan submitted to the United States Department of Education (USDE) per the requirements of the Title I Part A plan. The plan included the required steps to ensure low income and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by unqualified, inexperienced, and out-of-field teachers. Board members were provided data identifying the challenges and root causes of the equity gaps and analysis of the data.

Board members asked questions and discussed specific factors, definitions, methods, and process of the state equability plan.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING

Testing Update on Spring 2015 Assessments Administered per Title 70 O.S. § 1210.508 (Oklahoma School Testing Program Act)

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, presented an update on the current state assessments. The federally required tests and state mandated end-of-instruction (EOI) tests taken by students in the spring were reviewed. Testing window closed early May but

was extended due to the inclement weather during the testing time period. In late June, a greater number of testing results will be reported.

Board members asked questions and discussed assessment continuation and improved test results.

Update on Standards Steering Committee

Dr. William Radke, Executive Director presented an update on the writing teams first draft review due in June and the second review at the “EngageOK” summer education conference, July 7. The standards, writing team memberships, and draft timeline information are accessible online via the SDE Standards website.

Board members discussed writing team preparedness/expertise.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs, said the legislature adjourned a week early and both Houses adjourned sine die. June 6 is the deadline for the Governor’s signature after close of session. The percentage of the bills signed into law that are education related will be known after that deadline.

Senate and House 2015 legislation affecting education, State Board of Education, and the State Department of Education were presented and discussed.

Superintendent Hofmeister recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

LEGAL SERVICES

Executive Session for purpose of engaging in discussing any matter where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law and engaging in deliberation or rendering final or intermediate decision in an individual proceeding pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act. The individual proceeding is consideration of revocation of the teaching certification of Tara B. Hill pursuant to OAC 210:1-5-6, OAC 210:20-9-98, and 70 O.S. § 3-104, and 25 O.S. § 207(B)(7) and (B)(8)

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Baxter moved to convene into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister asked that Yolanda Downing, Assistant General Counsel, Ms. Tara Hill and Ms. Hill’s attorney remain in the Executive Session.

Return to Open Session
(Mr. Ross left at 12:35 p.m.)

Board members returned to Open Session at 1:14 p.m. with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Deliberations occurred in Executive Session to protect confidential health information that served as the basis of the respondent's response. During Executive Session the parties presented evidence and testimony related to the revocation of the respondent's school teaching certification only. Now the Board will have the opportunity to discuss or make a motion. As a reminder to the Board no confidential health information may be discussed in open meetings.

Vote on Any Action Regarding Subjects of the Proposed Executive Session

Board member Price moved to defer the decision on the matter to no later than June 2016, and be placed on the Board agenda at that time, unless circumstances dictate it be placed on the agenda for an earlier time. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2001 § 307 (B)(1) for the purpose of discussing candidates for and hiring an interim Board attorney

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 2001 § 307 (B)(1) for the purpose of discussing candidates for and hiring a Board secretary

Board member Price moved to Convene into Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister asked that Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs remain in Executive Session.

Board members returned to Open Session at 2:04 p.m. with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister stated no action or vote was taken in Executive Session. Deliberations occurred in Executive Session to discuss candidates for the position of Interim Board Attorney and Board Secretary. No action was taken by the Board on the business of the Board Attorney.

Board member Baxter moved to offer the position of Board Secretary to Terrie Cheadle and authorize the Chairman of the Board to negotiate the terms of employment. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Franks moved to adjourn. Board member Price seconded the motion. There being no further business Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board